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own rights to protect our own citizens, or are we going to abdicate that to a collective bargaining agreement or whatever else. Senator Brashear is...is raising any number of technical, and I would call them technical, issues. I submitted this proposed amendment to the Union Pacific representatives and they looked at it and I didn't hear any of these comments at that time. Let's...let's look at the...at this equal protection that he's talking about, and he's talking about Class I versus the short line railroad. Are we being fair? Now, does Senator Brashear really think that if we put additional restrictions on the short line railroads, that don't go very fast, don't go very far, that are on...on...on rail beds that are very lightweight, does he really think that's going to aid the safety of the people of Nebraska? I don't really think so. I think it's just an argument that you would use, and I would liken this to whether or not we should put the same regulations on a 737 that we do on a Piper Cub, an that's really what we're talking about in this particular case. There's been mention of the fact that rail safety has improved, and I know that the rail safety has improved. It's always difficult to say just exactly why and I...I applaud that effort. Any time that we can improve the safety of our railroads, I'm all for. I, honestly, believe that when we were ... when we were presenting this matter before the Business and Labor Committee, one of the representatives for the Union Pacific was testifying, and as you would follow the argument that was being made at that point, you would say, okay, they had a six-man crew, they had X number of accidents, and then five and four and three, and sort of the way you would go if they didn't have anybody in the train it would be so totally safe everybody would applaud. It doesn't work that way. Part of the reason why the Union Pacific specifically has had a lot of problems and did have problems and why it's improving is the fact that they're improving their roadbed. They had to improve their roadbed. They were carrying heavier loads. particularly when they bought the segment of their...of their road called the Southern Boses (phonetic), anyway, the railroad in the south that they...that they took over, and that was in desperate straits as far as the quality of their roadbed was concerned. And I think that as they've improved that a lot of their rail safety has also improved. I am still waiting to hear from somebody as to how this bill that I am proposing will in